

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 13, 19, and 25 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A disk cartridge, comprising:
a case to contain a disk including an aperture, a portion of which extends to and around an edge of the case, through which optical access to at least one of opposing surfaces of the disk is possible; and
a single-member including having at least one pair of transparent windows to allow for the optical access to the at least one of the opposing surfaces of the disk and an end to form either a bridge from one window to the other and/or to fill the portion of the aperture located around the edge of the case, and the member being attachable to and detachable from the case to allow an external light to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the single member, wherein, when attached to the case, the member fits substantially entirely within the aperture.
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the single member is installed so that an outer surface of the single member is inwardly depressed relative to a surface of the case.
3. (CANCELLED)
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the single member is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.
5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the single member is installed so that an outer surface of the single member is level with a surface of the case.
6. (CANCELLED)

7. (CANCELLED)
8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the single member has a width of at least 0.8mm.
9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the single member has a width of ~ 2mm.
10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 2, wherein the single member is attachable to and detachable from the case, and is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.
11. (CANCELLED)
12. (CANCELLED)
13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~single-member having including~~ a pair of transparent windows and an end to connect the windows in a substantially parallel arrangement, the member being and provided in a disk cartridge having a case to contain a disk, wherein the single-member is attachable to and detachable from the case and allows an external light to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the ~~single-member~~windows.
14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The single member of claim 13, wherein the transparent window member is formed of at least one of a glass or acryl.
15. (CANCELLED)
16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The single member of claim 14, wherein the single member has a height so that the outer surface of the single member is one of inwardly depressed relative to and at level with a surface of the case.
17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The single member of claim 16, wherein the single member has a width of ~ 2mm.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the single member is installed to the case to prevent an inflow of a foreign matter into the case.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A disk cartridge, comprising:
a case to contain a disk, wherein the case includes upper and lower surfaces, each surface including an aperture, a portion of which extends to and around an edge of the case, through which optical access to at least one of opposing surfaces of the disk is possible; and
a single-member including at least one window to allow for the optical access to the at least one of the opposing surfaces of the disk and an end to form either a bridge from one window to the other and/or to fill the portion of the aperture located around the edge of the case~~having a pair of transparent windows, and top and bottom surfaces~~, wherein the single member is attachable to and detachable from the case ~~to allow an external light to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the top and bottom surfaces of the single member~~and, when attached to the case, fits substantially entirely within the aperture.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 19, wherein the single member is installed so that the top and bottom surfaces of the single member are one of inwardly depressed relative to and level with the upper and lower surfaces of the case, respectively.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 20, wherein the single member is attachable to and detachable from the case, and is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 21, wherein the single member is installed to the case to prevent an inflow of a foreign matter into the case.

23. (CANCELLED)

24. (CANCELLED)

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A disk cartridge and pickup assembly, comprising:
a case to contain a disk including an aperture, a portion of which extends to and around

an edge of the case, through which optical access to at least one of opposing surfaces of the disk is possible;

~~a pickup provided with a lens, to emit light onto the disk; and~~

a member including at least one window to allow for the optical access to the at least one of the opposing surfaces of the disk and an end to form either a bridge from one window to the other and/or to fill the portion of the aperture located around the edge of the case, the member being attachable to and detachable from the case~~a single member having a pair of transparent windows, and attachable to and detachable from the case to allow the pickup to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the single member; and~~

a pickup provided with a lens, to emit light onto the disk through the at least one window, wherein, when attached to the case, the member fits substantially entirely within the aperture.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge and pickup assembly of claim 25, wherein the single member has a width of at least W corresponding to the following relationship:

$$W = \frac{2t \cdot NA}{n}$$

where t is a distance from an outer surface of the single member to the disk, NA is a numerical aperture of the lens of the pickup which emits the external light and n is a refractive index of the single member.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge and pickup assembly of claim 25, wherein the single member is installed so that an outer surface of the single member is level with a surface of the case.